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**PHYSICAL SCIENCE**

**0652/21**

Paper 2 (Core)

**October/November 2013**

**1 hour 15 minutes**

Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

No Additional Materials are required.

**READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

Write your Centre number, candidate number and name on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

You may use a pencil for any diagrams or graphs.

Do not use staples, paper clips, glue or correction fluid.

**DO NOT WRITE IN ANY BARCODES.**

Answer **all** questions.

Electronic calculators may be used.

You may lose marks if you do not show your working or if you do not use appropriate units.

A copy of the Periodic Table is printed on page 24.

At the end of the examination, fasten all your work securely together.

The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.

This document consists of **24** printed pages.



- 1 A student investigates the composition of four different inks using paper chromatography.

Fig. 1.1 shows the results of his experiment after one hour.

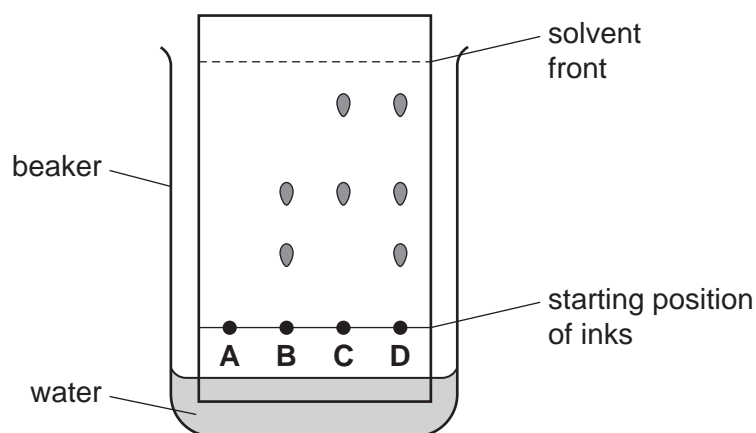


Fig. 1.1

- (a) Explain why the water level in the beaker must be below the ink dots at the start of the experiment.

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- (b) Suggest why ink **A** did not move during the experiment.

..... [1]

- (c) (i) State how many different components ink **D** contains.

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- (ii) State **one** similarity and **one** difference in the compositions of inks **B** and **C**.

similarity .....

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difference .....

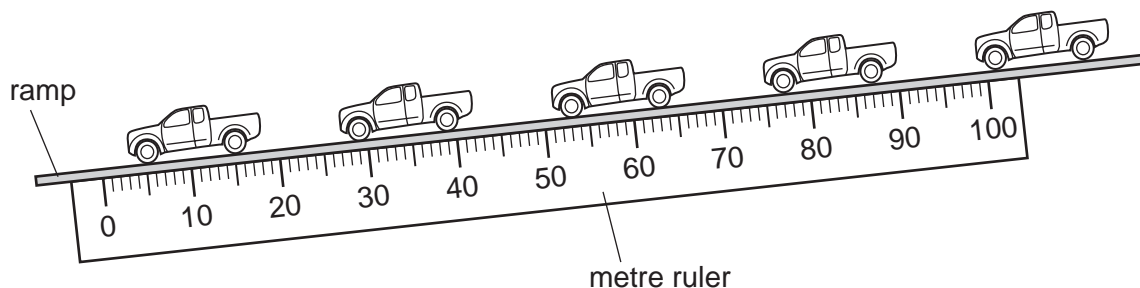
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**Please turn over for Question 2.**

- 2 A metre rule is clamped to a ramp. Fig. 2.1 shows the experimental set up.

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**Fig. 2.1**

- The ramp is tilted and a toy car is held at the top of the ramp.
- The car is given a gentle push and it moves down the ramp.
- The positions of the car after successive time intervals of 0.20 s are shown.

- (a) (i) Read off the positions of the front of the car after each time interval.

Record the values, to the nearest centimetre, in Table 2.1.

**Table 2.1**

time/s	0.0	0.20	0.40	0.60	0.80
position/cm	99				

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- (ii) Describe the pattern in the data in Table 2.1 which suggests that the car is travelling at constant speed.

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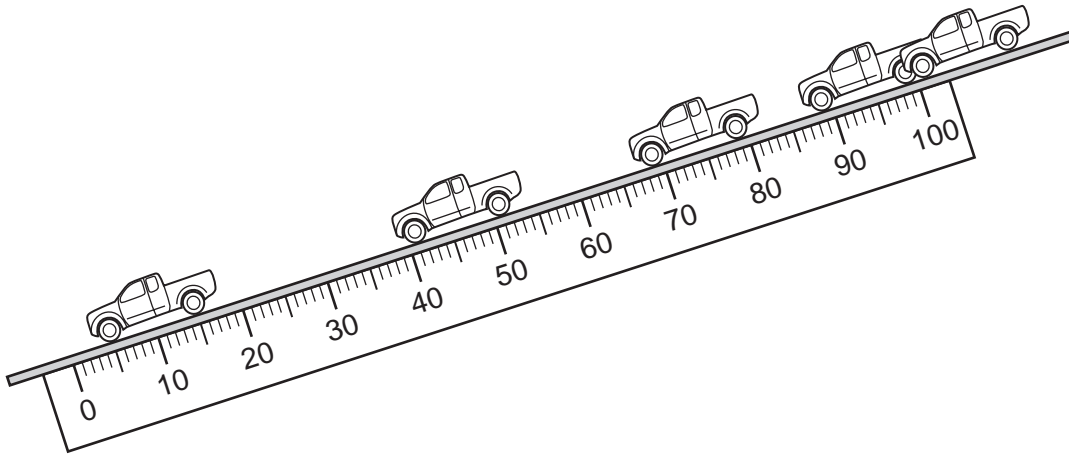
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- (iii) Calculate the speed of the car as it moves down the ramp.

Show your working in the box.

speed = ..... unit ..... [3]

- (b)
- In a separate experiment the angle of the ramp is increased.
  - The car is given a gentle push and it moves down the ramp.
  - Fig. 2.2 shows the positions of the car in successive 0.20 s intervals.



**Fig. 2.2**

Describe the motion of the car in this experiment.

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..... [1]

3 (a) Potassium nitrate can be made by reacting an acid with an alkali.

Name these reagents.

acid .....

alkali ..... [2]

(b) State the name given to the reaction of an acid with an alkali.

..... [1]

(c) The potassium nitrate formed is in aqueous solution.

Describe how you could obtain **dry** crystals of potassium nitrate from this solution.

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**Please turn over for Question 4.**

- 4 Fig. 4.1 shows apparatus used to demonstrate one method of transfer of thermal energy.

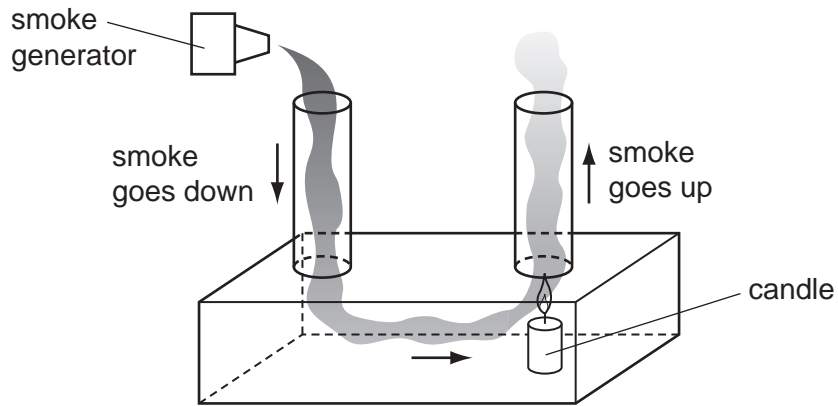


Fig. 4.1

- (a) (i) Name the method of thermal energy transfer this experiment demonstrates.

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- (ii) Explain how the candle makes the smoke rise up the right hand tube.

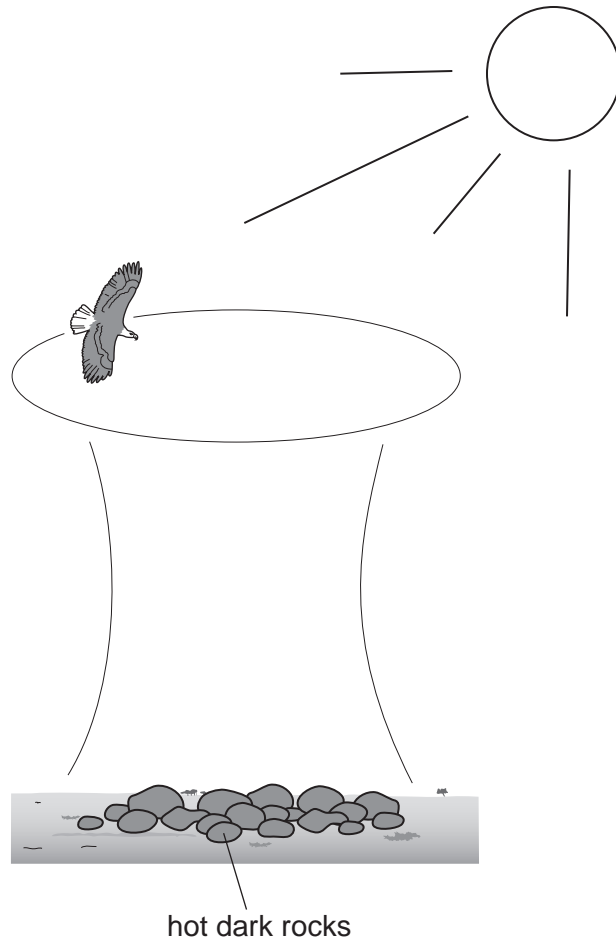
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(b) Fig. 4.2 shows an eagle gliding round a thermal. A thermal is a column of rising hot air.

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**Fig. 4.2**

(i) The rocks are heated by electromagnetic radiation from the sun.

Name the type of electromagnetic radiation that heats the rocks.

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..... [1]

(ii) Explain how the thermal is formed.

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..... [1]

5 Hydrogen has been described as 'a clean fuel which produces no pollution'.

(a) Write a balanced equation for the burning of hydrogen in air.

..... [2]

(b) State why the burning of hydrogen is an oxidation reaction.

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..... [1]

(c) Explain why the burning of hydrogen does not produce pollution.

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..... [1]

(d) Give **one** disadvantage of using hydrogen as a fuel instead of petrol.

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..... [1]

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6 Fig. 6.1 shows water waves in a ripple tank. The wavefronts pass from the deep water to the shallow water.

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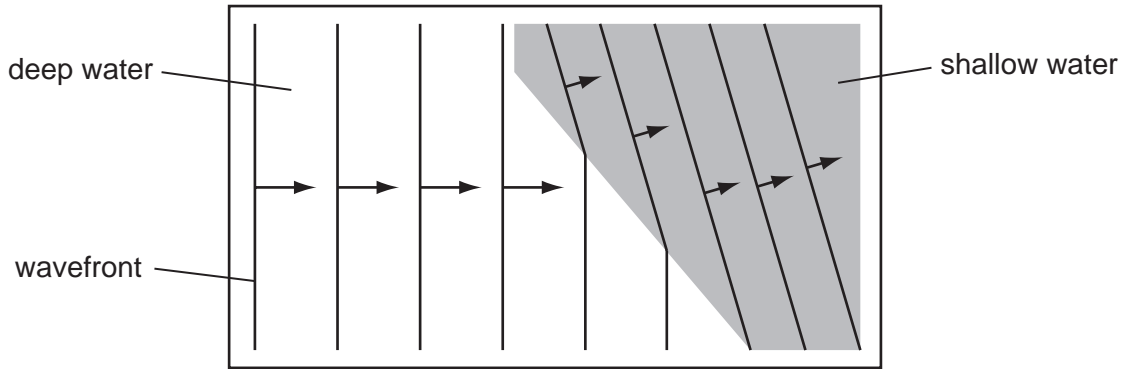


Fig. 6.1

(a) Name the wave behaviour this experiment demonstrates.

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(b) State the change, if any, to these properties as the waves enter shallow water.

(i) wavelength .....

(ii) frequency .....

(iii) speed .....

[3]

(c) Fig. 6.2 shows the electromagnetic spectrum.

radio waves	micro-waves	infra-red	Visible	Y	X-rays	γ-rays
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Fig. 6.2

(i) Name the type of radiation found in region Y.

..... [1]

(ii) When the Sun moves from behind a cloud we feel an increase in warmth and see an increase in brightness at the same time.

State what this suggests about the speeds of different types of electromagnetic radiation.

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..... [1]

7 Chlorine is a member of Group VII of the Periodic Table.

(a) Use the electron configuration of chlorine to explain why it is in Group VII.

..... [1]

(b) Chlorine is a gas at room temperature.

Name another element in Group VII that is a gas at room temperature.

..... [1]

(c) Name an element in Group VII that is less reactive than chlorine.

..... [1]

(d) (i) Name the compound formed when chlorine reacts with sodium.

..... [1]

(ii) Name the type of bonding in this compound.

..... [1]

(e) Name a metal in the same **period** as chlorine.

..... [1]

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**Please turn over for Question 8.**

- 8 Fig. 8.1a shows a long conducting wire connected to a switch and power supply. A small plotting compass is placed near the wire.

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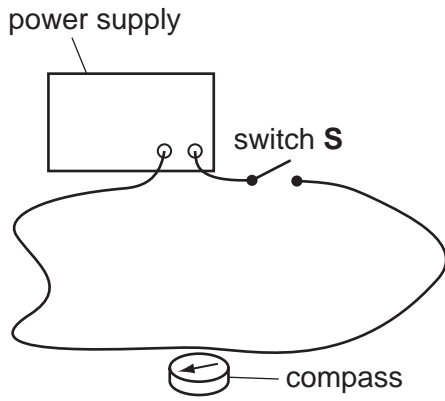


Fig. 8.1a

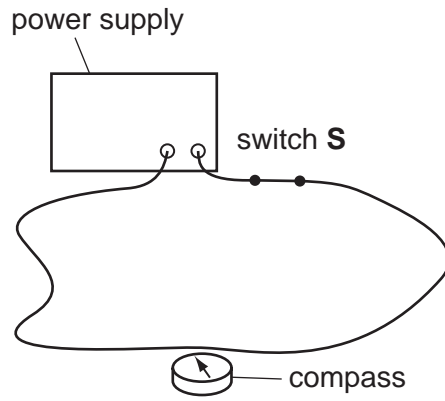


Fig. 8.1b

Switch **S** is closed and the plotting compass needle moves to the position shown in Fig. 8.1b.

- (a) State the conclusion that can be made from this experiment.

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..... [1]

- (b) A student takes a similar wire and wraps it around a cylindrical piece of soft iron. She connects it to a switch and a power supply.

She holds the soft iron above some light iron nails which are on the work bench, as shown in Fig. 8.2.

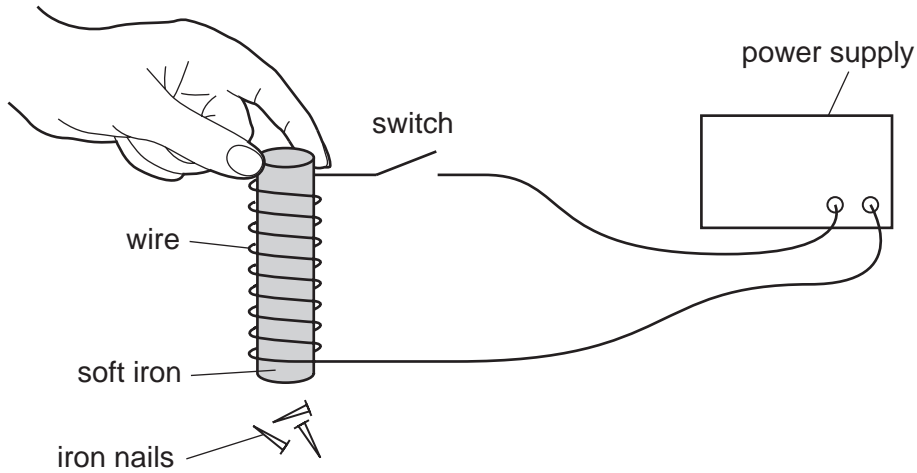


Fig. 8.2

- (i) State what the student observes when the switch is closed. Give a reason for your answer.

observation .....

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reason .....

..... [2]

- (ii) State what the student observes when the switch is opened again. Give a reason for your answer.

observation .....

.....

reason .....

..... [2]

- (iii) She replaces the soft iron with a steel cylinder of the same size. Describe what she observes when she

closes the switch, .....

.....

opens the switch. ....

..... [2]

9 (a) The treatment of water to make it safe for domestic use involves two main steps.

Name these steps.

step 1 .....

step 2 ..... [2]

(b) Anhydrous copper(II) sulfate can be used to test for the presence of water.

Describe the change that shows water is present.

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..... [1]

(c) Describe how you could show that a liquid is pure water.

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..... [2]



**Please turn over for Question 10.**

- 10 Fig. 10.1 shows a circuit diagram with a battery of e.m.f. 6.0V, an ammeter, and two resistors of 4.0Ω and 8.0Ω.

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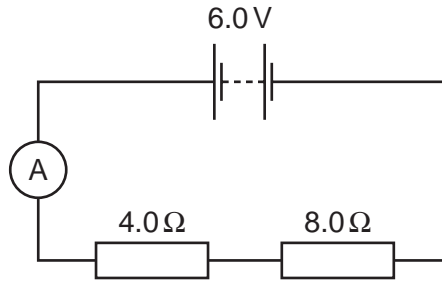


Fig. 10.1

- (a) (i) Calculate the resistance in the circuit.

resistance = ..... Ω [1]

- (ii) Calculate the current in the circuit and give the unit.

current = ..... unit ..... [2]

- (b) A teacher wants to show his students the potential difference across the 4.0Ω resistor.

- (i) Name the instrument that he should use.

..... [1]

- (ii) On Fig. 10.1, show how the instrument should be connected. [1]

- (iii) Calculate the potential difference across the 4.0Ω resistor and give the unit.

potential difference = ..... unit ..... [2]

(c) The teacher rearranges the resistors so that they are in parallel.

(i) Complete Fig. 10.2 to show this circuit.

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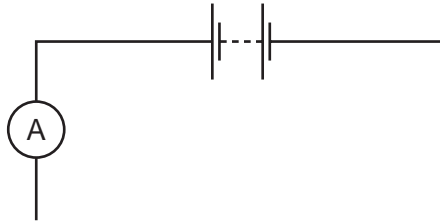


Fig. 10.2

(ii) State how the current from the battery in Fig. 10.2 compares with the current from the battery in Fig. 10.1.

Explain your answer.

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..... [2]

11 Organic compounds are often arranged in homologous series.

(a) Give **two** characteristics of an homologous series.

- 1 .....
- 2 ..... [2]

(b) The alkanes are an homologous series.

Complete Table 11.1.

**Table 11.1**

alkane	molecular formula	structural formula
methane		$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$
ethane	$\text{C}_2\text{H}_6$	
propane		$\begin{array}{ccccc} & \text{H} & & \text{H} & & \text{H} & \\ &   & &   & &   & \\ \text{H} & -\text{C} & - & \text{C} & - & \text{C} & -\text{H} \\ &   & &   & &   & \\ & \text{H} & & \text{H} & & \text{H} & \end{array}$

[3]

(c) State **one** use of methane.

- .....
- ..... [1]

(d) The alkenes are another homologous series.

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(i) Describe the difference in bonding between alkanes and alkenes.

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..... [2]

(ii) Describe a chemical test to show that a compound is an alkene rather than an alkane.

test .....

result ..... [2]

12 Fig. 12.1 shows some of the principal parts of a nuclear reactor used to generate electricity.

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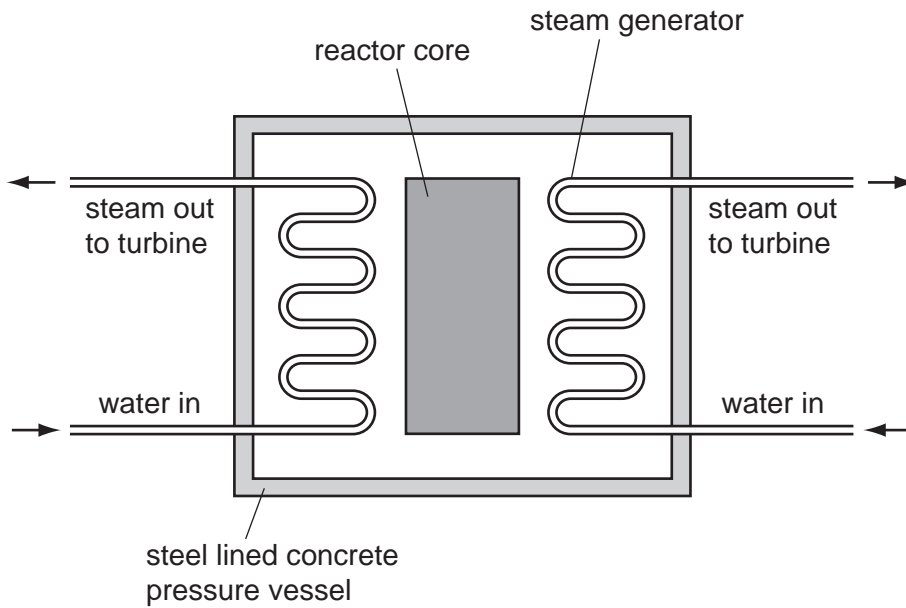


Fig. 12.1

The reactor is fuelled with uranium which undergoes nuclear fission.

(a) (i) Explain what is meant by *nuclear fission*.

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 ..... [2]

(ii) During the fission process particles are released with very high speeds.

Name the form of energy that these particles have due to their motion.

..... [1]

(b) Suggest a reason why the pressure vessel is made from steel and thick concrete.

.....  
 ..... [1]

13 Potassium nitrate,  $\text{KNO}_3$ , and potassium phosphate,  $\text{K}_3\text{PO}_4$ , are both used as fertilizers.

- (a) Calculate the relative molecular mass of potassium nitrate.  
[relative atomic masses,  $A_r$ : K, 39; N, 14; O, 16]

Write your working in the box.

answer ..... [1]

- (b) Show, by calculation, that potassium phosphate contains more than 50% potassium by mass.  
[relative atomic masses,  $A_r$ : K, 39; O, 16; P, 31;]

Write your working in the box.

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